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Dear Parents / Carers,

We had a very productive first week back in school last week with new topics started.

It looks like we are in for quite a cold spell this week - I reminded the children on Friday to be finding and wearing their hats and gloves in preparation!

Class News:

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families:

EYFS - This week in EYFS we have enjoyed talking about our experiences over Christmas. We have started our new topic based on Life in the Freezer. We have learned that Polar bears live in the Arctic and penguins live in the Antarctic. We were very excited to try and work out who had left a suitcase in our classroom one morning, and then a lost penguin arrived as well! We have asked questions to find out where the penguin has come from. In maths nursery have been learning all about number 3 and Reception have been subitising numbers from 0-5.

Class 1 – What a fantastic start to the new year! Class one have all returned well rested and eager to learn. We have begun with the story of the Jolly Postman and have already written predictions, made a story map and written a letter to Goldilocks. In maths year 2 are enjoying working with money and year 1 are learning how numbers are split into tens and ones. In our history lessons we have begun learning about the Great Fire of London and in our art lesson we learned about 2 new artists and practised making tones and shades of colours as well as experimenting with different brush strokes.

Class 2 - We have really enjoyed our first week back in Class 2. We have enjoyed reading our new class text of "The Wind in the Willows" by Kenneth Grahame which is also the play which we are performing this term. We enjoyed our first science lesson with Mrs McKelvey learning all about forces. In History we introduced our new topic on the Anglo Saxons by looking at how the Romans left Britain. In computing we have begun our topic on presenting information using Google slides.

Class 3 – Class 3 have begun their English unit looking at Darwin's Dragons by Lindsay Galvin. The children have read the first few chapters of the book and are using their prediction skills to finish the third chapter with their own ideas. We have begun our new maths unit looking at ratio, multiplication, and division. We have started our history and geography observing artefacts from the Mayans and biomes in a jar. In art the children have explored our new artist learning about drawing and identity.

Promotional School Dinner – this Thursday!

We have a change to the menu this Thursday due to a promotional school lunch.

Fish Fingers

Pin Wheel Pizza (v)

Chips

Peas

Baked Beans

Chocolate & Vanilla Biscuit & Ice Cream

Year 6 Information session for parents / carers regarding SAT assessments - today

Today at 4.30pm in the school hall, Miss Ungerechts will be holding a parent / carer information session about the Year 6 SAT assessments. Please can all Year 6 parents and children attend this – thank you.

Swimming Class 2 – this Thursday



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 3 and Year 4 children start on Thursday.** Please ensure your child has swimwear, goggles and a towel (named). It is helpful if girls wear socks and not tights on swimming days. Due to the layout and number of cubicles at Thirsk swimming baths, some children need to share a cubicle in order to change before and after the lesson. If any parents have questions or queries about this then please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Lyon.

The cost of swimming will be **£5.00 each week.** Payments are through your Parent Pay account. School has subsidised the cost of swimming due to rising prices from the bus company and constraints imposed by Thirsk Pool.

PE Days this half term

Children can wear a plain black of navy tracksuit or shorts, plain white t-shirt and trainers. PE days are as follows for this half term:

- EYFS: Friday**
- Class 1: Monday and Thursday**
- Class 2: Wednesday and Thursday (swimming)**
- Class 3: Monday and Friday**

Sporting Influence Club

The Sporting Influence club begins today from 3:15pm – 4:15pm.

Parent / Carer Consultations

Parent / Carer Evening is week commencing the 5th February. A letter will be sent home next week outlining the dates and times available for you to state a preference.

Emergency Procedure for School Closure – weather related / loss of utilities

It is rare, however there are occasions where it has been necessary to close schools because of inclement weather, no electricity or because of lack of heating or water, so I would like to bring to your attention the procedures I will follow if this event occurs now that we are heading towards winter:

- An email will be sent to all families via Scholar Pack
- SMS message will be sent to all families
- County Hall will be informed.

Hopefully, this will not happen this winter but I feel it is better to be prepared.

Please always assume school is open unless you hear via any of the above methods. Please do not phone the school to ask if we are open as we may need to keep the line clear in order to contact staff. Please check emails.

Learning would be sent home via the class email system directly from the class teacher.

Breakfast and After School Club – important booking information

Please can any families who would like to use this facility ensure that bookings are made by 12pm on a Friday for the following week.

We can't take any bookings after this time at short notice as we need to ensure we have staff in place.

AWARDS

Celebration Assembly

On Friday, we had our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;



Ribbons

EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who always gives well thought out answers to questions, especially in English and maths. Well done Blake!

Class 1 - The ribbon for class 1 this week goes to someone who has been working very hard to improve their reading, phonics and writing skills. Keep up the fantastic work Liv!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has had a great start to the Spring term. They have shown a maturity to their learning and always have a smile on their face. Well done Elodie!

Class 3 - The ribbon is going to someone for their imaginative and creative ideas in English when planning the end of their narrative. Well done to Eliza!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to someone for demonstrating our school value of perseverance.



This person has been nominated because in Maths they never give up and stay positive.

The award goes to Tyler who was nominated by Hollie.

Well done, Tyler!

Attendance

Weekly Attendance

Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.

Good attendance is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. Nationwide research has shown that the pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have had higher rates of attendance throughout primary school, compared to those with the lowest attainment. The government aims for all pupils to have a minimum of 95% attendance across the school year, and any child with less than 90% attendance is recorded as a persistent absentee. Here is our school's current overview of attendance:

Week commencing 9th January 2024

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
98.3%	95.4%	94.5%	89.6%

Kind regards,

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

January 2024	
15/1/24	Year 6 Parent / Carer SAT information session at 4.30pm in the school hall
18/1/24	Class 2 swimming at Thirsk Pool
25/1/24	Meadfleet – conservation talk and hedge planting
February 2024	
w/c 5th February	Parent /Carer / Child / Teacher consultations
6/2/24	Safer Internet Day (safer internet week)
9/2/24	Break-up for February half term
19/2/24	School open
19/2/24	Class 3 – Forest Schools – afternoon
26/2/24	Class 3 – Forest Schools – afternoon
March 2024	
4/3/24	Class 3 – Forest Schools – afternoon
8/3/24	Muslim Learner Service workshop for Class 3 on Zoom – ‘What is it like to be a Muslim living in Britain today’
20/3/24	Class 2 Production ‘The Wind in the Willows’ Afternoon performance 2pm Evening performance 5.30pm (children to arrive back at 5.15pm please)
21/3/24	Class 2 last swim Class 1 – Fire of London workshop
22/3/24	Baldersby St James Church 1.45pm Break-up for Easter at 3.15pm (no after school club)
April 2024	
8/4/24	Training Day
9/4/24	School open for the summer term

I will be in each school every day as follows:

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield
Afternoon	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary